

July 1, 2004

Montana Medicaid Notice School Based Services Providers

New fee schedule reflects reimbursement changes

Effective July 1, 2004, the federal matching assistance percentage (FMAP) rate was decreased from 75.91% to 72.85%. The department has been notified the FMAP rate will be adjusted again in October 2004 to 71.90%. Because of recent changes by CMS, the FMAP must price based on the payment date for your claims rather than pricing by the date of service.

Because our payment system prices procedures based on the adjudication date, it is imperative you bill services without delay to assure you receive the appropriate FMAP rate for the time of service. For instance, if a procedure is provided May 1, 2004, but not adjudicated and paid within our system until October 4, 2004, you as the provider will be paid the FMAP rate set for October 2004, not the FMAP rate that was in effect in May 2004.

Effective July 1, 2004, the school-based services fee schedule will be published utilizing the established RBRVS fee at 90 percent. Therefore, when you are reviewing the fee schedule, you would take the published fees for schools and multiply by the appropriate FMAP rate that was in effect during the time your claim priced within our system.

Contact Information

For more information, access the Provider Information website:
<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:
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